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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VISIT MOSCOW

1. THE LOCAL PRESS SEPT 8 CARRIED A STORY THAT A SIX MEMBER PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FOR A TWO WEEK TOUR OF MOSCOW ON SEPT 21. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TAN SRI DATUK SYED NASIR BIN ISMAIL, WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION AND THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE: LEE LAM THYE (DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY, THE ONLY OPPOSITION MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION), DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER DR. SULAIMAN DAUD (PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTRA BERSATU), HAJI SUHAIMI BIN DATUK KAMARUDDIN (UMNO), DATUK ROBERT STEPHENS EVANS (BERJAYA) AND LEE BOON PENG (MCA). DR. DR. SULAIMAN WILL ALSO REPRESENT MALAYSIA AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AT ALMA-ALTA WHILE HE IS IN THE USSR.

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2. THE PARLIAMENTARY TOUR IS APPARENTLY A SOVIET IVP-TYPE PROGRAM. THE ONLY REMARKABLE NAME ON THE ROSTER IS HAJI SUHAIMI, WHO IS THE NEPHEW OF FORMER SELANGOR CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARUN IDRIS AND WHO IS ALSO ACTING PRESIDENT OF UMNO YOUTH AND A CANDIDATE FOR THE PERMANENT POSITION (ONCE HELD BY HIS UNCLE) AT THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY LATER THIS

MONTH. A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION DOESNOT SEEM
CALCULATED TO IMPROVE SUHAIMI'S CHANCES IN THE PARTY
ELECTION SINCE THE SOVIETS ARE A SUBJECT OF GREAT
SUSPICION IN THE MALAY COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY IN
UMNO AND ITS YOUTH WING. INDEED, IT WAS PRECISELY
THE REVELEATION OF PRO-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY ON THE PART
OF SEVERAL HIGHLY PLACED MALAYS JUST BEFORE THE LAST
UMNO YOUTH ELECTION IN 1976 WHICH HELPED SECURE
THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT FOR SUHAIMI'S PREDECESSOR
THE LATE JAFAR ALBAR AND ALSO RESULTED IN SUHAIMI'S
OWN ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT.

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